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Response to Office Action

Dear Sir:

This papers is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002 in connection with the above-designated application. A Response to the Office Action was initially due on or before August 8, 2002 and thus, a request for a one-month extension of time and the requisite fee are enclosed herewith. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.